

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1, 8, 9, 12, 18, 19, 24, 27, 28 and 31.

Please amend the Claims as follows:

Sub 2. (Amended) A packaging system for a vehicular radiator, wherein the radiator is generally rectangular in outline with a generally rectangular cross-section, wherein the radiator includes a non-fragile portion, comprising:

a generally rectangular planar tray member, said tray member having a central area defining a plane upon which the radiator is received, and having two opposed sides, a portion of each opposed side being foldable out of the plane of said tray member and forming arms to said tray member which are foldable toward each other to embrace the radiator placed upon said tray member;

at least one strap engageable around said tray member and holding said arms folded upon the radiator placed upon said tray member;

A said tray member further including opposed ends, with a portion of each opposed end being foldable out of the plane of said tray member and forming legs to said tray member when so folded said legs folded away from the radiator to thereby form said tray member into a platform upon which the radiator is supported;

a container within which said tray member is received, said container being shaped and sized to snugly fit around said tray member with said opposed sides and ends so folded, and having an interior space with a depth defined by a distance between the radiator and a container inside surface; and

at least one stand-off element mounted to the non-fragile portion of the radiator, said stand-off element having a height generally spanning said interior space depth when so mounted, whereby, when said tray member holding said vehicle radiator is received by said container, the combination of said legs, said at least one stand-off element and said tray member serves to stabilize the radiator relative to said container inside surface and to maintain the radiator in a spaced-apart configuration from said container.

11. (Amended) A packaging component for an article comprising:

a base member having a central part defining a plane and a first pair of opposed sides, with a portion of each opposed side of said first pair of sides being foldable out of the plane of said base member and forming arms to said base, said arms being connected to said central part;

a second pair of opposed sides on said base member, said second pair of opposed sides being orthogonal to said first pair of opposed sides, with a portion of each opposed side of said second pair being foldable out of the plane of said base member, said second pair being foldable in a direction opposite of said first pair, and forming legs to said base member when so folded; and

a member engageable with said arms when said arms are folded toward each other and said central part to hold said arms in a folded condition, whereby an article to be packaged when placed upon said central part with said arms in said folded condition, said member engaged with said arms and said legs folded in said opposite direction as said arms is stabilized relative to said base member.

13. (Amended) The packaging component of Claim 11 wherein said base member is made of a rectangular rigid planar sheet and is cut to form said arms, and said legs are defined at least in part by fold lines on said planar sheet.

22. (Amended) The packaging component of Claim 11 wherein said member engageable with said arms is at least one strap encircling said base member and said arms, with said arms embracing an article on said base member.

23. (Amended) A packaging system, comprising:

a vehicular radiator including a non-fragile portion;

a base member initially in the form of a generally rectangular sheet having a central part defining a plane and a first pair of opposed sides, with a portion of each opposed side of said first pair of sides being foldable out of the plane of said base member and forming arms to said base member, said arms being connected to said central part;

a second pair of opposed sides on said base member, said second pair of opposed sides being orthogonal to said first pair of opposed sides, with a portion of each opposed side of said second pair being foldable out of the plane of said base member and in a direction opposite the direction as said arms, and forming legs to said base member when so folded;

at said sheet being die-cut to form said arms, and said legs are defined by fold lines on said sheet, said central part having a center line and parallel lateral sides and parallel ends, and said legs are defined by a first fold line inboard from and parallel to an adjacent lateral side, and a second fold line inboard from and parallel to an adjacent end, each said arm is defined by a pair of spaced cuts extending inboard from a respective lateral side with a plurality of fold lines extending between said spaced cuts;

a member engageable with said arms when said arms are folded toward each other and over said central part to hold said arms in a folded condition;

a container within which said base member is received, said container being sized to fit around said base member with said opposed arms and legs so folded; and

one or more stand-off element mountable on said non-fragile portion and positionable against an adjacent inner-wall of said container, said stand-off element spanning a space defined by a distance between said non-fragile portion and said container inner-wall,

whereby said radiator, when placed upon said central part with said arms in said folded condition and said member engaged with said arms and said stand-off element mounted upon said non-fragile portion, is stabilized relative to said base member and is firmly locatable against movement within said container and is maintained in a spaced-apart configuration from said container inner-wall.

30. (Amended) The packaging system of Claim 23 wherein said member engageable with said arms is at least one strap encircling said central part and said arms with said arms embracing said radiator on said central part.